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# RIOT GRRRL WORLD!

## ISSUE TWO

A NEWSLETTER FOR AND BY RIOT GRRRLS AND QUEER PUNK FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD!

hello.

i'm finally happy to announce RIOT GRRRL WORLD newsletter issue two it's finally out. i'm sorry for make you wait so much time and hope you'll enjoy the reading and that was a worth to wait so much time !! xo veruska [this issue editor] \* [clitrocket@hotmail.com]

ps. thank you to the ladies, grrrls, queers who sent their stuff!

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### TAKE BACK THE NEWS

Dear Supporters of Take Back the News, Take Back the News ([www.takebackthenews.net](http://www.takebackthenews.net)) is in the process of expanding and changing. In order to reach our full potential, I am recruiting VOLUNTEERS. If you are interested, please respond to this e-mail. If you have friends who might be interested, please forward this along. This is who I am looking for: 1. A WEB-MISTRESS to take over and re-design the sight. This would entail a period of concentrated work when the sight will be re-constructed to be more user friendly and contain more pages. After this period, there would be occasional re-vamps as Take Back the News evolves. This is a great opportunity to get involved as an integral part of the project and to add to your site portfolio. If you are interested, contact me for more information, and include links to any sites you have created. 2. Several people to make up a CAMPUS-CONTACT TEAM. This basically means finding and/or contacting any Take Back the Night committees, women's centers, or feminist groups on college campuses in your area (or outside of it). The goal is to get Take Back the News survival stories in print on campuses. This commitment can be as large or as small as you want - contact one school or contact one hundred. Just let me know if your interested and we can get started! 3. A t-shirt and sticker designer. I need a simple and effective design to silk screen onto t-shirts and print onto stickers. It can be the same design or two different ones. This is a nice and fairly simple project to add to your design portfolio. There are some other smaller tasks that you can help with if you want to volunteer a bit of time, but not get too involved. There are also larger ways for you to get involved if you are interested and have the time. It doesn't matter where you live - there are ways to help from everywhere. Just reply to this e-mail and we can get started! And to everyone on the list: thank you for your support and expect a big update in the coming months. All the best. \*emily

[www.TAKEBACKTHENEWS.net](http://www.TAKEBACKTHENEWS.net)

### APPEL A LA SOLIDARITE FINANCIERE POUR AMARGI! COLLECTIF FEMINISTE ACTIVISTE ET NON-MIXTE A ISTANBUL, TURQUIE.

Depuis 3 ans, Amargi organise beaucoup d'activités [accueil, performances, théâtre, lectures, féministes, commissions de travail, atelier hétérosexisme, actions, participations à des plate-forme collectives, cours de langues] à Istanbul, créant une dynamique importante politique, sociale et culturelle entre les femmes et les lesbiennes de la ville et du pays. Leur démarche est anti-militariste et anti-hiérarchie.

Aujourd'hui, elles ont reçu une décision de justice les obligeant à quitter leur local actuel, gratuit. Elles doivent donc trouver un nouveau lieu couvrant 1400 millions TL ou 250 euros par mois; ce qui représente une somme trop importante pour elles. Elles lancent donc un appel à toutes les femmes/lesbiennes et collectifs pour les aider à continuer leur action. Vous pouvez contacter les femmes/lesbiennes d' Amargi directement [turc ou anglais], par l'adress mail: [istanbul@amargi.org.tr](mailto:istanbul@amargi.org.tr) Concernant les infos du compte bancaire: Bank: Yapi Ve Kredi Bankasi AS Branch: 0015-8 / N. de compte: 7300 80 21 -8/ code banque: 67/ swift code: YAPITRIS/compte aux noms de: Meryem Guldurdak and Zuhar Tekiner. D'un commun accord, nous avons mis en place cet appel à soutien pour l' Europe. Et comme beaucoup de femmes/lesbiennes ne parlent pas turc couramment, je me suis proposée d'et relais en France/Europe, comme infos et porte-mannaie pour Amargi. Pour plus d' infos, vous pouvez me contacter par mail [pour l'istanbul]: [sabotage.lf@free.fr](mailto:sabotage.lf@free.fr) tél. 06. 83. 30. 18. 61

A bientôt et merci, Karine Sabotage.

Solidarité Feministe et Lesbienne Révolutionnaire.



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RIOT GRRRL

WORLD HERSTORY:

From guitar, The idea to make a "Riot Grrrl World Newsletter" was brought up by Jenni of [Emanypunk] & Hilde of [Lady Die/Riot Grrrl Europe]

We continued brainstorming about the possibility of the people as possible and create a real Riot Grrrl Network.

This newsletter is supposed to be published every 3-4 months and will be spread all over the world to reach as

people as possible and create a Riot Grrrl Network. Help is always welcome.

We'd like to keep the newsletter small.

The idea is that every issue will be create/collected by a different person or group.

an extract by riot grrrl world issue one.

~ please copy and spread ~

## The Erotic (Extended)

Inspired by Audre Lorde's  
essay «The Use of the Erotic»

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The erotic functions for me in several ways  
Tonight I will feel it  
When the sun burns the day  
And only red embers glow  
Above my spinning head  
Incomplete and in complete disarray  
A smattering of gray  
Where my thoughts toss and turn  
Like 9am caffeine euphorias  
I'm dragged out of bed  
With this promise of utopia  
From funk to defunct  
It will spread and spread  
And I'll dance with each one  
Til the time has come  
When your duress grabs tight  
And I'll twist and I'll fight  
And find joy in this dance  
When my erotic takes over



## «Womanifesta.»

1. Find and acknowledge beauty in other women
2. Speak up/respond to sexist comments
3. Embellish your own beauty
4. Compare yourself to no one
5. Resist women's loss of power—see women as powerful
6. Support women artists/writers
7. Validate the attainment of knowledge from women
8. Come to the aid of women/give women support
9. Hug your pussy
10. Be prepared for hateful/sexist comments
11. Run for office! Vote for women!
12. Find out your political representatives' stances on feminist issues
13. Read more feminist theory and literature
14. Stop using and perpetuating sexist language
15. Omit gender boxes on forms and applications
16. Celebrate women's health/bodies
17. Work on putting yourself first.
18. Subscribe to feminist magazines and journals
19. Question and defy gender roles
20. Take Women's Studies courses
21. Encourage others to take them
22. Eat!
23. Feed people.
24. Kiss a girl

*So last quarter I took a feminist theory course, and at the end, the whole class came up with a sort of «manual» (womanifesta?) for fighting the patriarchy. Basically, these are things we vowed to remember and enact in our every day lives.  
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### WOMEN'S SPACES: An endangered Specie

In spite of the long tradition of feminism in Rome, women's spaces are very few. One of these spaces is the women centre LUNA E LE ALTRE, situated in a suburb made of big buildings and commercial centres, suburb where in the 80's took place one of the biggest squatting of houses in Rome.

In those years, in those squatted flats, the feminist group LUNA E LE ALTRE was born. The women of this group and the space that they squatted at the beginning of their political activity, became part of the feminist movement of Rome, the Coordination of roman feminists groups.

In the last years LUNA E LE ALTRE has held courses of Italian language for not- Italian women, job support for rom women and indigent women, happenings and movies, workshop on body and movement. Since the 1995 there are activities about violence against women, in collaboration with others groups in Rome, and in others Italian and European cities.

Now, the Department for the Political of the Patrimony of the Municipality, is trying to deny this history and, through a local law on assignment of squatted spaces to social associations, asking us a lot of money: 53.000 Euro for 10 years of squatting and a monthly rent of 388 Euro from the 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2004. We don't want to be submitted to business rules and services market that reduce the territorial actions to economical enterprises.

Maybe is useful to remember that if there weren't so many squats (like LUNA E LE ALTRE and other space in the city) the failures of the social organisation and the social costs of this failure would be stronger and more evident. The contribute of squats to the growing up of the cultural level, to the fight against marginalization, as well as the refuse of the culture's and social relationships sale, have been so important that, after 10 years, the intervention of city institutions follow that model.

LUNA E LE ALTRE is a space subtracted to abandonment and ruins in the logic to give back to women of that quarter and the city, a space to meet, confront, and create. All that is possible to see inside the centre LUNA E LE ALTRE, walls and floor, electric and hydraulic system, furniture and gym furniture, has been made by women and lesbians, that during these years have used the space, and have built a space for other women.

We are asking the annulment of the debt and the drastic cut of the rent.

The surviving of LUNA E LE ALTRE depends also from your help. Support us.

Support the campaign, sign up this letter sending an e-mail to: [lunaelealtre@libero.it](mailto:lunaelealtre@libero.it)

Soon we will organize a sending of faxes and we will communicate you the date.

Town council: 0339.06/6784239

Department for the Political of the Patrimony: 0339.06/6869673

(You can also send an e-mail to: [www.comune.roma.it/scrivi/scrivi.asp](http://www.comune.roma.it/scrivi/scrivi.asp))

LUNA E LE ALTRE, feminist and lesbian association